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Senator Kim Gillan  
Senate Taxation Committee  
Helena, MT

By Fax

Dear Senator Gillan,

I am writing in support of SB 378, which will ensure conformity between Federal and Montana Income Tax Laws. The tax practice environment is difficult but without consistency between Federal and State Law that environment becomes untenable. Both the State and taxpayers would be better served by the ability to rely on consistent application of tax laws at both the State and Federal levels. This is particularly important for corporate taxpayers since Montana determines tax based on Federal taxable income with some minor modifications.

Sincerely,

John R. Tooke, CPA